(b) if so, whether Government propose to establish a separate Trust Fund for the administration of gratuity fund on the lines of the Provident Fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) and (b) Complaints are received from time to time regarding mismanagement of Gratuity Fund and non-payment of gratuity. All such complaints are looked into by the concerned authorities under the Payment of Gratuity Act and appropriate action is taken. However, with a view to stop such misuse, suggestions have been received for providing for compulsory insurance of employers' liability for payment of gratuity This matter is coming up for consideration at the Indian Labour Conference which is scheduled to be held on 25th and 26th November, 1985.

Production of Janata cloth

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(a) whether it is a fact that the production of Janata cloth has mostly been allotted to the handloom sector; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to increase the production of Janata cloth by the weavers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Out of the total target of 700 million sq. metres of subsidised cloth for the year 1985-86 the target for production of Janata Cloth in the handloom sector has been fixed at 420 million sq. metres. The new Textiles Policy announced in June, 1985 envisages transfer of entire production of controlled cloth to the handloom sector by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan. However, the target for productions of Janata Cloth was gradually increased during the Sixth Five Year Plan itself after the announcement of the Textile Policy of 1981, as can be seen from the following statement:

(In million sq. metres)

Year	Total target for controlled/ Janata Cloth	Target for Janata Cloth
1981-82 . . .	650	325
1982-83 . . .	650	340
1983-84 . .	650	350
1984-85 . . .	650	360

(b) Increase in the allocation for the production of janata cloth has been allowed to the State Governments on the basis of the requests received from them, taking into account their production capacity and the past performance. There is, however, no compulsion on the states or the weavers to produce Janata Cloth. The State Governments have been specifically instructed that for increasing the production of Janata Cloth the dormant and inactive looms should be activised to provide employment to unemployed and under-employed weavers. The weavers engaged in the production of better value-added items should not be diverted to the production of Janata Cloth. The Central Government have also issued detailed guidelines to State Governments to streamline the production and distribution arrangements under the Janata Cloth Scheme which, *inter alia* provided for:

(i) Setting up of a nodal agency in each State for implementation of the Janata Cloth Scheme and its supervision and monitoring;

(ii) The periodic review of the performance of the various states;

(iii) Instruction to State Governments to link the production of Janata Cloth with their arrangements for supply of raw materials to weavers.